

# ZONING CHANGE REVIEW SHEET

**CASE NUMBER:** C14H-2009-0066

**HLC DATE:** January 25, 2010

**PC DATE:** April 13, 2010

**APPLICANTS:** C. Hunter and Pamela Barrier, owners

**HISTORIC NAME:** Spires-Seekatz House

**WATERSHED:** Shoal Creek

**ADDRESS OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE:** 1406 Hardouin Avenue

**ZONING FROM:** SF-3 to SF-3-H

**SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the proposed zoning change from single family residence (SF-3) district to single family residence – Historic Landmark (SF-3-H) combining district zoning.

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION ACTION:** Recommended the proposed zoning change from single family residence (SF-3) district to single family residence – Historic Landmark (SF-3-H) combining district zoning. Vote: 5-0 (Kleon and Rosato absent).

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR LANDMARK DESIGNATION:**

The ca. 1937 house is an excellent example of Art Moderne residential architecture in Austin and is associated with Mat Spires, the owner of several prominent women's shoe stores on Congress Avenue, and who helped revitalize Congress Avenue in the 1930s and 1940s with new facades in the Art Deco and Art Moderne styles; and with Roy Seekatz, who owned and operated Austin's premier dry cleaning and laundry businesses from the 1940s through the 1960s.

**PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION:** Recommended the proposed zoning change from single family residence (SF-3) district to single family residence – Historic Landmark (SF-3-H) combining district zoning. Vote: 7-0.

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The house is beyond the bounds of the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey (1984).

**CITY COUNCIL DATE:** May 13, 2010

June 24, 2010

August 5, 2010

**ACTION:** Postponed to June 24, 2010 by Council.

Approved the zoning change on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings and directed staff to bring the case back for 3<sup>rd</sup> reading on August 5, 2010.

Postponed the case at the applicant's request to August 26, 2010.

**ORDINANCE READINGS:** 1<sup>ST</sup> 2<sup>ND</sup> 3<sup>RD</sup>

**ORDINANCE NUMBER:**

**CASE MANAGER:** Steve Sadowsky

**PHONE:** 974-6454

**NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION:** Pemberton Heights Neighborhood Association

## **BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

### **Architecture:**

Two-story irregular-plan hipped roof Moderne-styled brick house with a central recessed entry flanked with a rounded two-story bay on the right and a rectangular two-story bay on the left. The house has horizontal bands of raised bricks on the first and second stories, adding to its Art Moderne styling. Fenestration consists of paired 1:1 and paired casement windows. The house has a modern addition on the back. A garden wall to the right of the house carries forward the Moderne-style themes of horizontal bands of raised bricks. The garden gate on the property is metal in a Moderne design.

### **Historical Associations:**

The house was built in 1937 for Mat S. and Idamae Spires. Mat S. Spires was born in Bell County, Texas, where he lived with his divorced mother, Lou, until around 1924, when he moved to Austin. The 1900 U.S. Census report shows Lou Spires as a widow residing in rural Bell County with her five children, including two older boys that were half-brothers to Mat. Lou Spires was born in Tennessee; her two oldest children were Sam Boase, 12, who worked as a farm laborer, and Erastus Boase, 9. Interestingly, the next household listed in the 1900 census report was that of an Erastus Boase, who was a year older than Lou Spires, and who had been married to his then-wife for 8 years, suggesting that this Erastus Boase may have been the father of Lou Spires' two older boys. In addition to the Boase boys, the Lou Spires household also included Mat's two older sisters, Jessie and Ruby. The family does not appear in the 1910 U.S. Census report for Bell County. However, they do appear in the 1920 U.S. Census report, living in Temple, Texas. The household includes Lou Spires, who is listed as divorced (the 1900 census report listed her as a widow), Mat, who was then 23, and who worked as a salesman in a shoe store, and his older sister, Ruby, and her husband, Joe Day, who worked as the manager of a racket store. By 1930, Mat S. Spires had married and moved to Austin. The 1930 U.S. Census report shows Mat S. and Idamae Spires renting an apartment at 605 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Austin. Mat was then 33 years old, and was listed as the manager of a shoe store. Idamae Spires was also born in Texas, was then 28, and had no occupation listed. The couple had no children listed in the census report.

Mat Spires moved to Austin around 1921 – he is not listed in the 1920 city directory, but the 1922 directory shows him as the manager of the White Shoe House at 109 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Spires was rooming at 203 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street in 1922. He is listed as the manager of the White Shoe House in the 1924 directory, and was rooming at 710 Colorado Street. By 1927, Spires was the president of the French Boot Shop at 720 Congress Avenue. The White Shoe House was managed by an E.W. Hemphill. The 1929 directory shows Spires as the vice-president and the secretary-treasurer of the French Boot Shop; he was then living at 605 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street. He married Idamae in 1929 – she appears with him in the 1930 U.S. Census report, and in the 1930-31 city directory. The 1930 census report shows that they had been married for a year, and were renting the apartment at 605-B W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street for \$40 a month; he was listed as the manager of a shoe store. The directory shows the same address, but he was listed as the president of the French Boot Shop. By 1935, Spires was the vice-president of the French Boot Shop; Earl Boyd was the president. The store carried women's shoes exclusively. The 1937 directory shows that Spires had expanded his business – he was listed as the vice-president of the French Boot Shop, as well as the manager of the Bootery at 606 Congress Avenue. The Bootery was a new business – it was not listed in the 1935 directory. The 1939 directory reveals the same arrangement – Earl Boyd was the president of the French Boot Shop, while Spires was the vice-president of the French Boot Shop and manager of the Bootery. The arrangement apparently came to an end around 1940 – the 1940 directory shows Spires as the manager of the Bootery at 606 Congress Avenue and Earl Boyd as the manager of the French Boot Shop at 720 Congress Avenue. Roy Thomas, a prominent local architect, designed the façade of the Bootery in 1935.

When Spires married Idamae, they were living in an apartment at 605 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street; they moved to 3206 Fairfax Walk by 1932; they stayed on Fairfax Walk until building this house on Hardouin Avenue in 1937. He retired from the shoe business (The Bootery) in 1947. City directories after that time show him as retired. Idamae passed away in 1955, and Spires sold the house in 1960 to Roy and Rose Seekatz, moving to an apartment on Enfield Road. He died in 1968.

Roy Seekatz was a rodman for the City of Austin Engineering Department in the early 1930s, and opened his own business, the Capitol Linen Supply Company, in 1937 in what was the old Filling Station Restaurant (now demolished) on Barton Springs Road. Seekatz' business expanded over the years – he was one of Austin's premier laundry and dry cleaning operators in the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s, with four locations around town. He and Rose divorced in 1972, and Seekatz retired from the laundry business in 1973. Rose got this house in the divorce settlement, and sold it in 1974 to John and Leslie Gallery. John Gallery was a dean at the University of Texas. They lived here for only three years, and sold the house to attorney Robert Looney and his wife, Linda. The Looneys sold the house in 1986 to Anthony and Angela Woodbury. Anthony Woodbury was an assistant professor in linguistics at the University of Texas, and specializes in the documentation of endangered languages. The current owners, Hunter and Pamela Barrier, purchased the house from the Woodburys in 1999.

**PARCEL NO.:** 01150103040000

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** The East 25 feet of Lot 9 and the West 50 feet of Lot 10, Block 4, Pemberton Heights Section 1.

**ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT:** \$15,209 (owner-occupied); city portion: \$2,421 (50% of city taxes).

**APPRAISED VALUE:** \$1,150,718

**PRESENT USE:** Single family residence

**CONDITION:** Excellent

**PRESENT OWNERS:** C. Hunter and Pamela Barrier

**DATE BUILT:** ca. 1937

**ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS:** Renovation and expansion of the house, including a modern rear addition designed by Kevin Alter (2001).

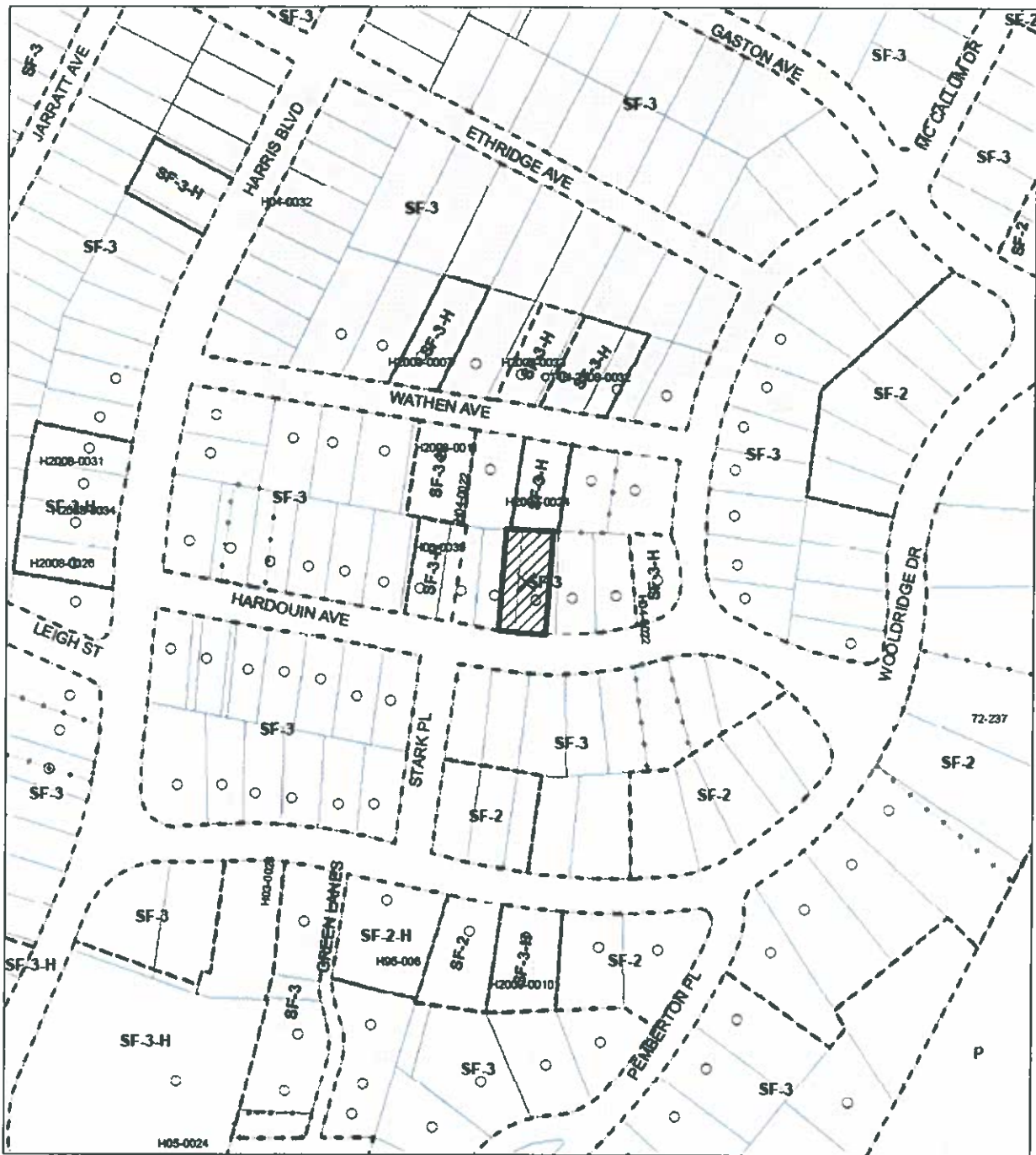
**ORIGINAL OWNER(S):** Mat S. and Idamae Spires (1937)

**OTHER HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS:** None.



**Spires-Seekatz House**  
**1406 Hardouin Avenue**

# LOCATION MAP



1" = 200'

- SUBJECT TRACT
- ZONING BOUNDARY
- PENDING CASE

OPERATOR: S. MEEKS

## HISTORIC ZONING

ZONING CASE#: C14H-2009-0066  
 ADDRESS: 1408 HARDOUIN AVE  
 SUBJECT AREA: 0.000 ACRES  
 GRID: H24  
 MANAGER: S. SADOWSKY



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## SPIRES HOUSE

1406 Hardouin Avenue

Built: 1939

Owners: Pamela & Hunter Barrier

Moderne

Most suburban homebuilders in Pemberton Heights played it safe, and looked to the past and Europe for architectural inspiration. But the house Matt and Ida Spires built had very contemporary influences. The curved corner by the front door, the horizontal bands around the house, the brick panels above the front door and the low pitch roof all suggest art moderne influence, seen on a larger scale in the Bohn House on W. 29th St.

Spires was manager of Bootery, Inc. and later president of Texas Local Board No. 119. He and his wife lived in the house for twenty years. In 1961, Rose and Roy Seekatz, owners of Capitol Laundry, acquired the property and remained there twelve years. Thereafter, the house changed hands several times: University of Texas dean John Gallery and his wife Leslie acquired Spires House in 1975, Linda and Robert Looney in 1980, and Anthony and Angela Woodbury in 1987.

The present owners, Pamela and Hunter Barrier, working with Kevin Alter of the U.T. School of Architecture, did a most sensitive job renovating and expanding the house. Alter won an award for his careful blending of the old and new sections from the Austin Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The Spires House was featured on the 2002 AIA Homes Tour.

Excerpt from the Heritage Society of Austin's Tour of Pemberton Heights

# french boot shop

CONGRESS NEAR EIGHTH

Presenting

## Springtime shoes

... that accurately  
interpret southern models!

As usual this shop is ready ... FIRST ...  
with a very interesting collection of  
Spring Footwear. Individual and ex-  
clusive models that will complete each  
new costume successfully. Featuring:

Soft-Tone    Sensand    Lustrous    Colored  
Watermark    Kidkin    Patent    Lines

At top ... a hand sewn  
opera pump in GREIGE  
or EMIGE SNAKE 12.50.  
GREIGE or BLUE KID  
12.50. BLACK PATENT or  
KID ... 10.50.

At the right ... three  
eyes the of finest  
EMIGE SNAKE 12.50. IN  
BLUE KID or NAT-  
URAL LINEN 10.50

Below ... WHITE DOB-  
SKIN fashions a new  
SPORT ... combined  
with black calf or brown  
alligator ... 12.50  
also in EMIGE KID 10.50

Sketches and ... per-  
haps the smartest shoe  
of the season. WHITE  
EMIGE ... to be dyed  
and complete made ... 12.50

Advertisement for Mat Spires' French Boot Shop  
Austin American Statesman, February 15, 1931

**Navy  
Blue**



*Smart...*

**FOR "FAIR"-MINDED  
TRAVELERS**

The smartest of "dark-tones" . . . NAVY . . . to wear with new dark sheers, suits or combinations. Comfortable hi-lo heels that will afford you foot-freedom from dawn to dusk.



**AT TOP—**  
Soft navy kidskin  
slip-on pump with  
elasticized top of  
matching gabardine  
1.50

**AT HEEL—**  
Soft tie-up NAVY al-  
ligator calf similar  
to sketch, but with  
open toe 7.50

**NAVY BAGS**  
from 2.50

**THE BOOTERY**

Home of De Luxe Shoes

Advertisement for Mat Spires' Bootery  
Austin American-Statesman, May 7, 1939



**FRENCH BOOT SHOP**  
**TRAVEL SHOES**

**Above:**  
1 Miller travel sandal in black, purple, white or Japanese calf  
**\$12.75**

**Below:**  
A midway heel sandal with 1 1/2" heel, black or white calf  
**\$9.75**

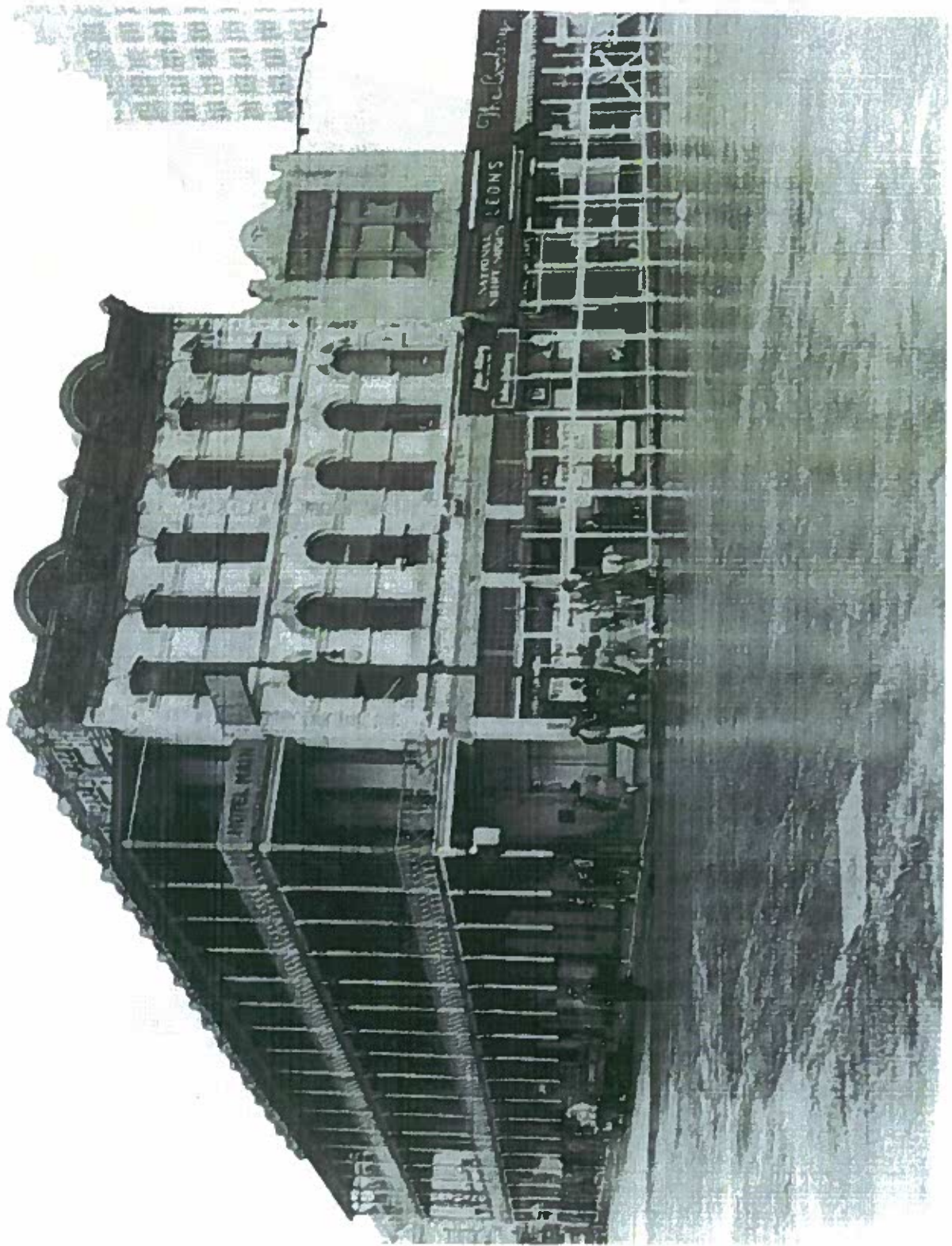
• **Whether you go EAST OR WEST...**  
**Step smartly and comfortably in French Boot Shop Shoes...**

**Below:**  
By Katozaki  
Black, Japanese or white leather sandal  
**\$8.95**

**FOR NIGHT CLUBBING**  
After arrival sandals - in satin, silver and kid. As Right \$5.95 to \$8.95  
- formal, tumbled white, silver kid or

**French Boot Shop**  
720 CONGRESS

Advertisement for Mat Spires' French Boot Shop  
Austin American Statesman, May 7, 1939



Undated photograph of Congress Avenue, showing the Bootery in the middle of the block.  
The Bootery was designed by local architect Roy Thomas.



### MRS. MATT S. SPIRES

Funeral services for Mrs. Matt S. Spire, 94, were held at the Weed-Corley Funeral Home Thursday with Dr. Marvin Vance officiating. Burial was in Austin Memorial Park.

Pallbearers were Louis Brenner, Texas City; Bob Cox Brenner, Shreveport; Billie Brenner, Houston; Hartwell J. Kennard, McAllen; Dr. George Willeford, Hartlingen; Bob Hammann, San Antonio; Ross Meader, Idaho; Leroy Spire, Snyder; Bryan Spire Jr., Galveston; Leslie Robinson, Austin and James Krause, Houston, nephews of the deceased.

Obituary of Idamae Spire  
Austin Statesman  
January 13, 1955

### MATT S. SPIRES

Matt S. Spire, 71, of 1801 Lavaca Street, died in a local hospital Wednesday. He had been a resident of Austin for the past 47 years and was a former resident of Temple.

Mr. Spire was a member of the First Methodist Church, Hill City Lodge No 456 A F & A M, 32nd degree Scottish Rite, Ben Hur Shrine, Royal Order of Jesuits and the Austin Country Club.

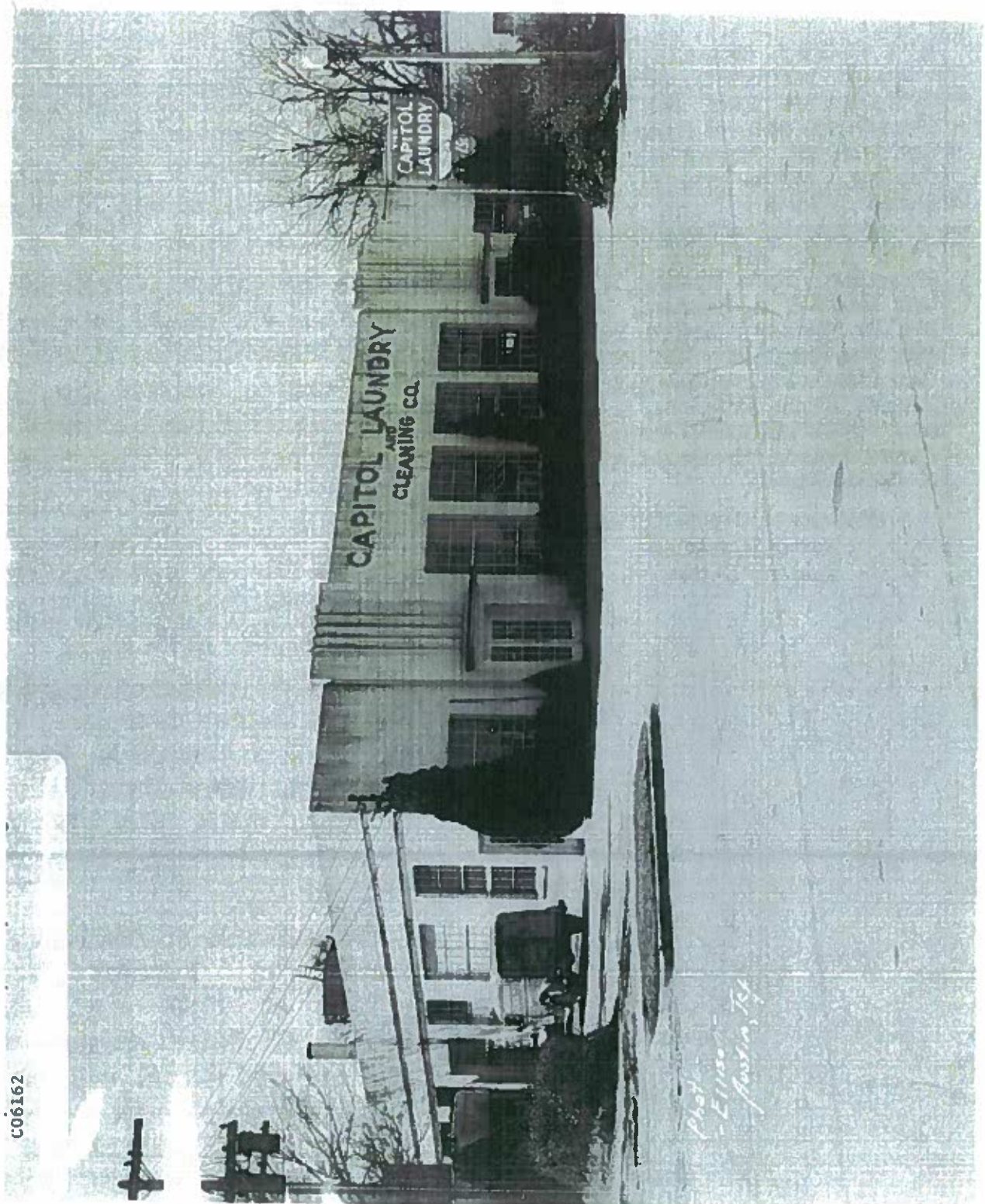
Mr. Spire established The French Bootery and Walk Over Shoes and operated them until his retirement in 1947.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Bona Spire, Austin; two sisters, Mrs. Russell M. Riggins and Mrs. Ruby Day, both of Houston; niece, Mrs. Dorothy Krause, and other nieces and nephews.

Funeral will be held at the Weed-Corley Funeral Home Friday at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Carroll Chadwick, Center, will officiate and burial will be in Austin Memorial Park.

Honorary pallbearers will be all members of the Austin Masonic Bodies and friends.

Obituary of Matt Spire  
Austin American, September 5, 1968



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Roy Seekatz' original plant,  
Capitol Laundry and Dry Cleaning  
801 Barton Springs Road (demolished)  
Photo ca. 1937



*Austin History Center*  
Do not use small bottle concentrates of sterilizing agents called bleaches at over 1% solution on your cotton fabrics.

# HOUSEWIVES BEWARE!

**Stop at one of our conveniently located Sub-Stations or our Main Plant on Barton Springs Road or call 8-3443 for Route Service.**

Sub-Station No. 4 — 507 West 24th



LAUNDRY PLANT AND CALL OFFICE  
101 Barton Springs Road



**DRY CLEANING PLANT**  
801 Barton Springs Road

## did you know:

**DID YOU KNOW THAT -** It takes only two hours, sometime time is of the essence, a scientifically controlled family which all finished with perfect results, guaranteed against PADDING, MISPELLED & LIES or your money back!

**DID YOU KNOW THAT —** YOUR clothes are laundered in nets to prevent washing wear?

**DID YOU KNOW THAT -** Bleach, as you know it, is properly used for disinfection of clothes and for the removal of fruit and grum stains?

**DID YOU KNOW THAT -** This purification test is to let your wet work become dry wrapped for ten days without mildewing. To safeguard the health of your family and your water-treatment or immersion is to ask permission you that your wet become dry wrapped for ten days without mildewing. Yes, we remove mildew, head clothes mildewed in separately, will not hurt the material and removed at \$15.00 a shirt.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT** - All of our laundered colored wash, workshirts, suits, etc., are washed with a bug and insect repellent.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT -** perspiration and sun light kills the sticking power of dye so much that it will wash out.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT -** We guarantee to wash new material for twenty washings without fading the color.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT—** Blood stains wash out properly only in cold water.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT** — Perspiration must be washed out in lukewarm water to avoid leaving a yellow stain around the collar of a shirt!

**DID YOU KNOW THAT?** - Other claims are removed only when the temperatures wash reaches certain degrees of heat! Wash must go from cold to hot.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT** - Regardless of the song opera, it takes different types of soap for different temperatures of washing! Toilet tale gray? Over hear of it?

**DID YOU KNOW THAT -** Your clothes must be washed white and clean. When a temperature wash is required to save time, a greater quantity of scrubbing agent must be used to assure the dirt not washing out. This process will leave a yellow stain or a little-tale gray building that will not rinse out at the same time (see above) normal deterioration to the cloth.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT --** From five to seven rinses must be used to give that beautiful sparkling full-free color to your wash, remembering that white color must be color free for cleanliness; there's no other way.

We at the Capital Laundry and Cleaning Co. are your profit sharing employees. It is a must that our CUSTOMERS share in our prosperity by receiving a GUARANTEED better laundry and cleaning service at your money back.

## OUR CUSTOMERS SHARE

(1) A faster sale service (2) Less clothes inventory (3) More money available for other needs (4) Less wear, more care, longer clothes life, less high cost per washing (5) No fading (6) No shrinking (7) No losses and very above average QUALITY.



ONE OF OUR CONVENIENT SUB-STATIONS  
Corner 8th and Levee

**TWO OF THE SOUTH'S  
OUTSTANDING SUPERVISORS**



**HAM STOOKSBERRY**  
Laundry Supervisor



**MELVIN POOL**  
Dry Cleaning Supervisor

Our type quality and service comes from the ability of your supervisors to inspire and teach your employees — giving them the will to do.

## ONE DAY SERVICE!

- QUALITY SERVICE
- THAT IS SAFE
- CONVENIENT
- AND THOROUGH

R. Wilson Grathoff-Paine collection



## **Roy E. Seekatz**

**Roy E. Seekatz, 79, a lifetime resident of Austin, died Thursday.**

**Mr. Seekatz was a member of the Austin Country Club for over 50 years. He also owned and operated Capitol Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company from 1937, until his retirement in 1973.**

**Funeral services will be held at graveside at 4:00 PM, Friday in Austin Memorial Park, with Reverend Carl Schoss officiating.**

**Mr. Seekatz was the father of Thomas E. Seekatz of Austin; brother of Vivian Kingsbury of Austin, Jennie Fee Davis of Austin, Evelyn Knox of El Paso; and grandfather of Thomas E. Seekatz, Jr., Jeffrey C. Seekatz, Sean S. Cowher, and Anthony B. Seekatz, all of Austin.**

**Arrangements by Cook-Walden Funeral Home, Lamar location.**

Obituary of Roy Seekatz  
Austin American Statesman  
April 10, 1987

# A. APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC ZONING

12'

## PROJECT INFORMATION:

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY

APPLICATION DATE: 12/21/09 FILE NUMBER(S): Row ID 10380914  
 TENTATIVE HLC DATE: C144-2009  
 TENTATIVE PC or ZAP DATE: 0066  
 TENTATIVE CO DATE: SPaper  
 CASE MANAGER: SPaper  
 APPLICATION ACCEPTED BY: SPaper

CITY INITIATED: YES / NO  
 ROLLBACK: YES/NO

## BASIC PROJECT DATA:

1. OWNER'S NAME: Hunter & Pamela Barrier  
 2. PROJECT NAME: The Spices - Seckitz House  
 3. PROJECT STREET ADDRESS (or Range): 1406 Hardemon  
 ZIP: 78703 COUNTY: Travis  
 IF PROJECT ADDRESS CANNOT BE DEFINED ABOVE:  
 LOCATED \_\_\_\_\_ FRONTAGE FEET ALONG THE N. S. E. W. (CIRCLE ONE) SIDE OF  
 APPROXIMATELY \_\_\_\_\_ DISTANCE FROM ITS  
 INTERSECTION WITH \_\_\_\_\_ CROSS STREET.

NP-Windsor Grid H24 Class Urban  
 AREA TO BE REZONED: Watershed: Shoal Creek School Area

4. ACRES 2.00 (OR) SQ.FT. \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. ZONING AND LAND USE INFORMATION:

EXISTING ZONING	EXISTING USE	TRACT# (IF MORE THAN 1)	ACRES / SQ. FT.	PROPOSED USE	PROPOSED ZONING
<u>SF-3</u>	<u>Residence</u>	_____	_____	<u>Residence</u>	<u>SF-3 H</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

## RELATED CURRENT CASES:

6. ACTIVE ZONING CASE? (YES ☒ NO ☐  
 7. RESTRICTIVE COVENANT? (YES ☒ NO ☐  
 8. SUBDIVISION? (YES ☒ NO ☐  
 9. SITE PLAN? (YES ☒ NO ☐  
 FILE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 FILE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 FILE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 FILE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION (SUBDIVISION REFERENCE OR METES AND BOUNDS):**

10a. SUBDIVISION REFERENCE: Name: Pemberton Heights Sec. 1  
 Block(s) 4 Lot(s) E 25' of lot 9 Outlot(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plat Book: \_\_\_\_\_ Page West 50' of lot 10  
 Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 10b. METES AND BOUNDS (Attach two copies of certified field notes if subdivision reference is not available or zoning includes partial lots)

**DEED REFERENCE CONVEYING PROPERTY TO PRESENT OWNER AND TAX PARCEL I.D.:**

11. VOLUME: \_\_\_\_\_ PAGE: \_\_\_\_\_ TAX PARCEL I.D. NO. 01150103040000

1999041214  
 OTHER PROVISIONS:

12. IS PROPERTY IN A ZONING COMBINING DISTRICT / OVERLAY ZONE? YES ☒ NO ☐  
 TYPE OF COMBINING DIST/OVERLAY ZONE (NCCD, NP, etc) \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. LOCATED IN A LOCAL OR NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☒ YES ☐ NO  
 14. IS A TIA REQUIRED? YES ☒ NO ☐ (NOT REQUIRED IF BASE ZONING IS NOT CHANGING)  
 TRIPS PER DAY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TRAFFIC SERIAL ZONE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

**OWNERSHIP TYPE:**

15. ☒ SOLE ☐ COMMUNITY PROPERTY ☐ PARTNERSHIP ☐ CORPORATION ☐ TRUST  
 If ownership is other than sole or community property, list individuals/partners/principals below or attach separate sheet.

**OWNER INFORMATION:**

16. OWNER CONTACT INFORMATION  
 SIGNATURE: [Signature] NAME: Hunter & Pamela Barrier  
 FIRM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NUMBER: 474-0001  
 STREET ADDRESS: 1406 Hardouin  
 CITY: Austin STATE: TX ZIP CODE: 78703  
 EMAIL ADDRESS: barrierfx@aol.com

**AGENT INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE):**

17. AGENT CONTACT INFORMATION  
 SIGNATURE: [Signature] NAME: Suzanne Deaderick  
 FIRM NAME: Historic Research & Reconciliation TELEPHONE NUMBER: 512-477-2929  
 STREET ADDRESS: 3502 Harris Blvd.  
 CITY: Austin STATE: Texas ZIP CODE: 78703  
 CONTACT PERSON: Suzanne Deaderick TELEPHONE NUMBER: 477-2929  
 EMAIL ADDRESS: Suzanne@Grande.com.net

DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY: \_\_\_\_\_

## SUBMITTAL VERIFICATION

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NAME BELOW SIGNATURE AND  
INDICATE FIRM REPRESENTED, IF APPLICABLE.

Name (Typed or Printed)  
Historic Research & Represent.  
Firm (if applicable)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT NAME BELOW SIGNATURE AND  
INDICATE FIRM REPRESENTED, IF APPLICABLE.

Firm (if applicable)

TAX CERTIFICATE  
Nelda Wells Spears  
Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector  
P.O. Box 1748  
Austin, Texas 78767  
(512) 854-9473

NO 1042181

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 01-1501-0304-0000

PROPERTY OWNER:

BARRIER C HUNTER & PAMELA  
1406 HARDOUIN AVE  
AUSTIN, TX 78703-2517

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

B 25FT LOT 9 \* & W 50FT LOT 10 BLK  
4 PEMBERTON HEIGHTS SEC 1

ACRES 0.000 MIN<sup>4</sup> .00000 TYPE

SITUS INFORMATION: 1406 HARDOUIN AVE

This is to certify that after a careful check of tax records of this office, the following taxes, delinquent taxes, penalties and interests are due on the described property of the following tax unit(s):

YEAR	ENTITY	TOTAL
2009	AUSTIN ISD	12,563.54
	CITY OF AUSTIN (TRAV)	4,462.47
	TRAVIS COUNTY	3,575.06
	TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT	571.67
	ACC (TRAVIS)	992.94

TOTAL SEQUENCE 0 22,165.68

TOTAL TAX:	22,165.68
UNPAID FEES:	* NONE *
INTEREST ON FEES:	* NONE *
COMMISSION:	* NONE *
TOTAL DUE ==>	22,165.68

ALL TAXES PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO AND INCLUDING THE YEAR 2009 EXCEPT FOR UNPAID YEARS LISTED ABOVE.

The above described property may be subject to special valuation based on its use, and additional rollback taxes may become due. (Section 23.55, State Property Tax Code).

Pursuant to Section 31.09 of the State Property Tax Code, there is a fee of \$10.00 for all Tax Certificates.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE ON THIS DATE OF 10/07/2009

Fee Paid: \$10.00

Nelda Wells Spears  
Tax Assessor-Collector

By: 



**Occupancy History**  
**1406 Hardouin**

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
November, 2009

- 1924      Address not listed  
Note: Matthew Spires is listed at 710 Colorado and as the mgr.  
of the White Shoe House
- 1927      Address not listed  
Note: Matthew Spires is listed at 513 W. 6th St. and as pres. of  
French Boot Shop. Roy Seekatz is listed at 3409 West Ave. and  
as a U.T. student.
- 1929      Address not listed  
Note: Matthew Spires is listed at 605 W. 10th Street and v.p. &  
sec-treas. of the French Boot Shop at 720 Congress Ave. Roy Seekatz  
is listed at 3409 West Ave. and as a rodman for City Engineering.
- 1930      Address not listed  
Note: Matthew Spires is listed as President of the French Boot Shop &  
residing at 605 W. 10th St. Roy Seekatz is listed at 3409 West Ave.  
& as Instrument man for city engineering dept.
- 1932-33      Address not listed  
Note: Matthew Spires is listed as Mgr. of the French Boot Shop and  
residing at 3206 Fairfax Walk. The French Boot Shop at 720 Congress  
lists Matt Spires as the President. Roy E. and Elizabeth Seekatz are  
listed as residing at 605 W. 37th Street.
- 1935      Address not listed  
Note: Matthew Spires is listed as VP of French Boot Shop which is  
at 720 Congress. His residence is listed at 3206 Fairfax Walk. Roy  
Seekatz is listed as living at 2211 Dam Blvd. but no business listing.
- 1937      Address not listed  
Note: Matthew Spires is listed as Mgr. of The Bootery Inc. at 606 Congress.  
His residence is at 3206 Fairfax. No listing for Roy Seekatz.

- 1939 M.S. Spires-owner (address is listed as 1416 Hardouin)  
He is also listed as mgr. of Bootery Inc. at 606 Congress.  
Note: Roy Seekatz is listed as owner of Capitol Linen Supply Co. which is at 1300-A E. 6th Street. His residence is 518 Cliff Dr.
- 1940 M. S. Spires-owner (address is now listed as 1406 Hardouin)  
He is also listed as mgr. of Bootery Inc. at 606 Congress.  
Note: Roy Seekatz is listed as owner of Capitol Linen Supply Co. which is at 801 Barton Springs Road. His residence is 518 Cliff Dr.
- 1941 M. S. Spires-owner  
He is also listed as mgr. of Bootery Inc. at 606 Congress.  
Note: Roy Seekatz is listed as owner of Capitol Linen Supply Co. which is at 801 Barton Springs Road. His residence is 518 Cliff Dr.
- 1942 M. S. Spires-owner  
He is also listed as mgr. of Bootery Inc. at 606 Congress.  
Note: Roy Seekatz is listed as owner of Capitol Linen Supply Co. which is at 801 Barton Springs Road. His residence is 518 Cliff Dr.
- 1944-46 M. S. Spires-owner  
He is also listed as mgr. of Bootery Inc. at 606 Congress.  
Note: Roy Seekatz is listed as owner of Capitol Linen Supply Co. which is at 801 Barton Springs Road. His residence is 518 Cliff Dr.
- 1947 Matt Spires-owner  
Retired  
Note: Roy Seekatz is listed at 4301 East Ave. and as Sec. Tx Local Board #119
- 1949 Matt Spires-owner  
Retired  
Note: Roy Seekatz is listed at 4301 East Ave. and as Sec. Tx Local Board #119
- 1952 Matt Spires-owner  
Retired  
Note: Roy Seekatz is listed at 4301 East Ave. and as Sec. Tx Local Board #119
- 1954 Matt Spires-owner  
Retired  
Note: Roy Seekatz is listed at 602 E. 43rd and as Sec. Tx Local Board #119
- 1957 Matt Spires-owner  
Retired  
Note: Roy Seekatz is listed at 602 E. 43rd

1959	Matt Spires-owner Retired Note: Roy Seekatz is listed at 602 E. 43rd
1962	Roy Seekatz-owner
1963	Roy and Rose Seekatz-owners Note: Matthew Spires is listed at 2505 Enfield #23
1965	Roy and Rose Seekatz-owners
1968	Roy and Rose Seekatz-owners
1971	Roy Seekatz-owner
1972	Roy Seekatz-owner
1973	Rose E. Kelly (formerly Seekatz)-owner Note: John Gallery not listed
1974	John & Leslie Gallery-owners John is listed as a dean at U.T.
1975	John & Leslie Gallery-owners John is listed as a dean at U.T.
1976	John & Leslie Gallery-owners John is listed as a dean at U.T. Note: Robert Looney is listed as a lawyer at 700 Rio Grande
1977	Robert and Linda Looney-owners Robert is listed as a lawyer at Booth, Lloyd and Simmons.
1978	Robert and Linda Looney-owners Robert is listed as a lawyer at Booth, Lloyd and Simmons.
1981	Robert and Linda Looney-owners Robert is listed as VP-Texas Assoc. of Business
1983	Robert and Linda Looney-owners Robert is listed as Sr. VP-Texas Assoc. of Business

1984 Robert and Linda Looney-owners  
Robert is listed as Sr. VP-Texas Assoc. of Business  
Note: Anthony Woodbury is listed as asst. professor U.T. and residing at 2408 Winstead Rd.

1985-86 Robert and Linda Looney-owners  
Robert is listed as Sr. VP-Texas Assoc. of Business  
Note: Anthony Woodbury is listed as asst. professor U.T. and residing at 2408 Winstead Rd.

1987 No return

1988 Anthony and Angela Woodbury-owners  
Anthony Woodbury is listed as asst. professor U.T. and Angela is listed as Assoc. at McGinnis, Lockridge, and Kilgore

1992 Anthony and Angela Woodbury-owners  
Anthony Woodbury is listed as asst. professor U.T. and Angela is listed as Assoc. at McGinnis, Lockridge, and Kilgore

1996 Anthony and Angela Woodbury-owners  
Anthony Woodbury is listed as asst. professor U.T. and Angela is listed as Assoc. at McGinnis, Lockridge, and Kilgore

1997 Angela Woodbury-owner

### **Biographies of Matt S. and Ida Mae Spires**

Matt Spires was formerly from Temple, Texas before coming to Austin, where he would reside for the next 47 years. Matt began his retail career as manager of the White Shoe House in 1924. A few years later he became president and owner of the French Boot Shop, which was located at 720 Congress Ave. In 1937, Matt was listed as the manager of The Bootery, Inc., located at 606 Congress. He retired 10 years later, in 1947. In addition to The Bootery, Spires owned and operated a second shoe store, Walk Over Shoes.

Matt Spires was a member of the First Methodist Church, Hill City Lodge, 32nd degree Scottish Rite, Ben Hur Shrine, Royal Order of Jesters, and the Austin Country Club. He was also president of Texas Local Board No. 119.

Spires was married to Ida Mae Spires. The Spires received a building permit from the City of Austin on September 9, 1937 to build a brick veneer 2-story house with frame garage at 1406 Hardouin Ave. The house was built with very contemporary influences. The curved corner by the front door, the horizontal bands around the house, the brick panels above the front door, and the low pitch roof all suggest art moderne influence, seen on a larger scale in the Bohn House on W. 29th Street.

The Spires lived in the house for 23 years, until Matt sold it to Roy and Rose Seekatz.

### **Biographies of Roy E. & Rose Seekatz**

Roy Seekatz and his wife, Rose, bought the house in 1960. Prior to this, they were listed as residing at 602 E. 43rd Street. Mr. Seekatz worked as a rodman for the City of Austin Engineering Department beginning around 1929. In 1937, Roy opened his own business, Capitol Linen Supply Company at 801 Barton Springs Road. His business grew and eventually he had four locations in Austin. Seekatz owned and operated Capitol Laundry and Dry Cleaning from 1937 until his retirement in 1973. Roy was a member of the Austin Country Club for over 50 years and also the Secretary of the Texas Local Board #119.

Rose and Roy divorced around 1972, and the house was deeded over to Rose, who took the name Rose Kelly. The following year, Rose sold the house to John and Leslie Gallery.

### **Biographies of John and Leslie Gallery**

John and Leslie Gallery bought the house in 1974 and resided there until 1977. Prior to this house, they were not listed in the Austin City Directory. During there time in the house, John was a dean at the University of Texas.



### **Biographies of Robert and Linda Looney**

Robert and Linda bought the house in 1977 and owned it until 1986. Prior to living in this house, Robert was listed as a lawyer at 700 Rio Grande. He then went into practice with Booth, Lloyd and Simmons, before vice president and then senior vice president of the Texas Association of Business. Robert is currently chairman of the Legislative Committee at the Texas Oil and Gas Association.

### **Biographies of Anthony and Angela Woodbury**

Anthony and Angela Woodbury bought the house in 1986 and owned it for 13 years. Prior to that, Anthony Woodbury was listed as an assistant professor at U.T. and was residing at 2408 Winstead Road. Angela was an associate at McGinnis, Lockridge and Kilgore.

Anthony is a professional linguist specializing in the documentation of endangered languages. He participated in the documentation of Cup'ik, a language of southwestern Alaska, and Chatino, a language of Oaxaca, Mexico, and was involved in the formation of general and strategies for language documentation and description. He is part of the Foundation for Endangered Languages.

### **Biographies of Pamela and Hunter Barrier**

Pamela and Hunter Barrier bought the Spires-Seekatz House in 1991. The Barriers worked with Kevin Alter of the U.T. School of Architecture to renovate and expand the house. The house was featured on the 2002 AIA Homes Tour.

Pamela Hochberg Barrier was raised in Dallas, Texas and graduated from Highland Park High School in 1979. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts in American Studies from Newcomb College of Tulane University in 1983. Charles Hunter Barrier was born in Rochester, Minnesota and moved to Temple Texas at age four. Later his family moved to Dallas and then Ft. Worth where he graduated high school from Ft. Worth Country Day School in 1975. Hunter received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Philosophy from Vanderbilt University in 1979.

Pamela and Hunter Barrier met in Austin in 1984 after both attended graduate school at The University of Texas. Pamela received a Master of Business Administration and moved to Washington, D.C. to pursue a career in health policy. Hunter completed graduate studies in Construction Management and moved to D.C. to pursue opportunities in real estate. Pamela joined a health policy and marketing company, Health Technology Associates, where she served as Division Director for pharmaceutical support programs. In D.C., Hunter

worked for several national real estate investment and development companies including Union Pacific Realty Company and CarrAmerica.

In 1991, Pamela and Hunter married in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Both of their children were born while living in Northern Virginia: Charles Bennett Barrier in 1993 and Victoria Brett Barrier in 1995.

In 1999, Pamela and Hunter returned to Austin where Hunter continued his real estate career as President of McShane Corporation, a Chicago-based development and construction company and later served as President & CEO of Opus South Corporation, an Atlanta based real estate company.

After a successful health-care career, Pamela obtained her certification as an Academic Language Therapist (ALT) specializing in teaching literacy skills to children diagnosed with dyslexia. She currently works at Trinity Episcopal School where she serves as Learning Specialist for the Lower School.

Pamela and Hunter are active in numerous professional and philanthropic organizations including Austin Art League, Helping Hand of Austin, Habitat for Humanity, the Urban Land Institute, and others.

